

**NEBRASKA AWARD SUMMARIES**  
**2008-2009 McKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

Recipient	Description	Amount
<b>Omaha Public Schools</b> Steve Gray 3215 Cuming Street Omaha, NE 68131 (402) 557-2481	Funding for the 2008-2009 school year will provide tutoring, transportation, a part-time liaison, staff development and materials. Tutors will provide supplemental instruction to improve basic skills and also will provide activities for parents to reinforce the skills their children are learning. Transportation will be provided so students do not need to change schools when the shelter is in a different attendance area. A part-time liaison will help families and shelter directors enroll students in school, act as the coordinator for the tutoring services and procure needed supplies. Staff development and awareness activities will include the dissemination of brochures, the establishment of a homeless advocate in each building and information sessions at principals' and staff meetings.	<b>\$80,000</b>
<b>Lincoln Public Schools</b> Becky Wild Box 82889 Lincoln, NE 68501 (402) 436-1650	Funding for the 2008-2009 school year will provide education services, transportation, staff development, parent education, supplies and an identification process. The education services will deliver curriculum and support services at the youth shelter. Transportation will be provided through the district transportation system, city bus tokens and taxi services. Staff development will train educators on how homelessness affects students. School enrollment materials will be developed to distribute to parents and parent education classes will be established for shelter residents. School supplies will be provided and the identification system will continue and expand.	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Scottsbluff Public Schools</b> Wendy Kemling-Horner 2601 Broadway Scottsbluff, NE 69361 (308) 635-6200	Funding for the 2008-2009 school year will provide a part-time education coordinator at a youth shelter that serves eleven counties. The coordinator will provide after school tutoring to students who maintain their present public school enrollment and also work to reconnect others to their school of origin or arrange for other alternative or GED programs. The coordinator and the Director of Student Services will also provide staff development, arrange transportation and provide school supplies to homeless children residing in the domestic violence shelter and other locations.	<b>\$17,000</b>
<b>Hastings Public Schools</b> Vicki Krueger 714 West 5th Hastings, NE 68901 (402) 461-7631	Funding for the 2008-2009 school year will provide for a home/school liaison to assist students with entry into all school programs, procure school supplies, provide staff development, and a summer reading program that travels to each shelter. The funding also provides for an after-school tutor and to coordinate meetings between all grant recipients to share ideas and information on serving homeless students.	<b>\$19,000</b>
<b>Grand Island Public Schools</b> Verna Haberman 504 North Elm #122 Grand Island, NE 68802 (308) 385-5244 (308) 390-4940 cellular	Funding for the 2008-2009 school year is to support a liaison to coordinate services for homeless children and youth. The liaison will receive referrals from shelters, service providers and school personnel and will then initiate enrollment assistance. The liaison will assist school personnel in identifying homeless children, assessing their needs and will coordinate all services through the Heartland Continuum of Care. Transportation will be provided through gas vouchers, taxi service or other necessary means and tutoring provided by the Americorp Program will be utilized.	<b>\$32,000</b>
<b>Kearney Public Schools</b> Carol Renner 310 West 24 <sup>th</sup> Street Kearney, NE 68845 (308) 698-8005	Funding for the 2008-2009 school year will be used to help identify, place, and serve homeless children. This will be done with a structured identification process, providing a structured education process that includes resources and services to assist students and families, and strengthen coordination among agencies servicing homeless individuals. Funding will assist with the salary for the Coordinator; provide tutors, publications, technology, student materials, and transportation.	<b>\$8,000</b>
<b>Fremont Public Schools</b> David Pinkall 957 North Pierce Street Fremont, NE 68025 (402) 727-3027	Funding for the 2008-2009 school year will be used to partially compensate the liaison for time spent on homeless education issues related to the school homeless education students and program. Also, funds will be used to assist in providing tutors, educational supplies, and personal hygiene supplies for homeless children. A full-time certified social worker assists with coordination and identification efforts among the schools, shelters, and human services agencies.	<b>\$18,000</b>
<b>Papillion - LaVista Public Schools</b> Brad Conner 420 S Washington Papillion, NE 68046-2667 402-537-6214 bconner@paplv.esu3.org	Funding for the 2008-2009 will be used to ensure that the continuity of instruction is maintained for all students in the district who become homeless. School Social Workers are assigned the task of identifying all children who become placed in a homeless situation, assessing the needs of the family of those children and coordinating community and school services to meet those needs. The primary components of this program include ensuring that students are able to continue enrollment, and assist with transportation to the school of origin, school supplies, enrollment assistance and that all other services to which homeless children are entitled.	<b>\$8,000</b>
<b>Lexington Public Schools</b> Clarence Chessmore 1610 N Washington Lexington, NE 68850-0890 308-324-4681 ex 20 tchessmo@esu10.org	Funding for the 2008-2009 school year will be first time funding for Lexington Public Schools. The funds are being used to enhance the district's identification processes, policies and procedures and also to improve services to identified students. The policies and procedures that are being incorporated include having social workers build stronger rapport with community agencies, shelters, hospitals, and churches as well as other places homeless students may be found. Training will be provided to school staff to help identify students who are in homeless situations as well as strategies for dealing with homeless students including sensitivity to their situation.	<b>\$8,000</b>